

Student Name:

Academies of Bryan Station
EMR Academy
2018 Summer Reading Project

Step 1: Read the book!

This is a good book and despite its size it's relatively simple to read. If you read every day, it's about 5 pages per day. You can do it! Try and put yourself in his shoes: look at this story as a series of puzzles.

Step 2: Complete journal entries.

Each journal entry should include at least *two specific quotations* from the text and an in-text citation for every quotation. For example, from page 13:

Watney writes, "I wonder how the Cubs are doing." (Weir 13)

- **Journal 1: Chapters 1-5 (Pages 1-48)** -- How does Watney's attitude and humor affect his decision making when he's left behind? Where do you see his attitude lead him to success? Where to failure?
- **Journal 2: Chapters 6-16 (49-215)** -- What were 2-3 points in the novel where you became convinced Watney couldn't survive? Did you find the solution believable? Why or why not?
- **Journal 3: Chapters 17-26 (216-369)** -- At the end of the novel, Watney reflects on the human instinct to help one another. Pick out 2-3 places where you see reckless or possibly irresponsible decisions to save one man. Do you think it was worth it? Then, reflect on your life: do you think people naturally desire to help one another? Where in your life have you seen this as true? Where have you seen it not be the case?

Step 3: Choose at least 2 projects

Based on your classes and teachers that you will have next year, select two projects that you can complete. In addition to being a performance grade in your English classrooms, these projects can count as performance grades in your other EMR classes. Each project should take 1-2 hours to complete. **You will submit these when you return to school.** Rubrics and relevant materials are attached or included.

Project #:	Content Areas:	Project Description:
1	Social Studies/Art	Would You Rather (Board Game)
2	Math/Digital Media	Space Travel
3	Science	Mars vs. Earth
4	English	Create Your Ending
5	Engineering/Science	Scavenger Rocket Design